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In re Application of:

Donald A. Schon, *et al.* Confirmation No.: 9768
Application No.: 10/670,861 Group Art Unit: 3761
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For: Methods of Making a Multi-Lumen Catheter Assembly

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b).

☐ In accordance with § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of the above-identified application as set forth in § 1.491, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of request for continued examination under §1.114, no additional fee is required.

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☒ Copies of reference numbers **23 through 27, 55 and 63 through 68** listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b are enclosed herewith.

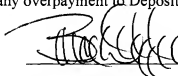
☒ Copies of reference numbers **1 through 22, 28 through 49 and 50 through 54** on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a are not required to be submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii).

☒ Copies of references **56 through 62** are not being submitted because they were previously cited by or submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office (and considered by the US Patent and Trademark Office) in patent application number **10/300,999, filed Nov. 21, 2002 (now US 6,695,832)**, for which a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 has been made in the instant application.

Note: Applicants included References numbered 56 through 62 herein in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement received by US Patent and Trademark Office on Dec 24, 2003 (numbered 12-14 and 30-34 therein). The Examiner failed to consider these references in the first Office Action mailed Mar. 13, 2006, but did not provide a reason why. Since the respective references were considered and are included in parent application no. 10/300,999, filed Nov. 21, 2002 (now US 6,695,832), Applicants' respectfully request consideration during next examination, or contact with Applicants' representative, below, providing a reason why so that Applicants' can correct any issues of formality.

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